

## SUFFERING IN CHICAGO FOR CHRISTMAS

Many Unable to Get Food and Places to Sleep—Business Good, However.

### BIG STORES HAVE A GOOD TRADE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—While the big State street shopping district reports Christmas buying this year on a more elaborate and expensive scale than for many years, "Hogan's Flap" and other resorts of the under dogs give sordid tales of misery.

A score of State street merchants yesterday reported a veritable golden harvest year, but a thousand men, shivering and hilly clad, stood in line for hours in the biting wind last night for their turn to obtain a tin cup of coffee and a roll from a coffee wagon sent out by Malcolm McDowell.

Tomorrow will be the tenth night that McDowell, formerly a newspaper reporter, now a banker, has his coffee wagon out to feed the hungry unemployed and results have shown that this charity is almost as badly needed as in the "panic" winter of 1907-08.

The municipal lodging house last night had more than 400 lodgers, while "Hogan's Flap" a four story building, where men may sleep on the bare floor for a nickel, had more than 1300 homeless men within its walls last night.

### FOURTEEN DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Runaway Cars Caused the Disaster in New York on Monday.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Investigation of the causes of the explosion in the New York Central power house yesterday, which resulted in 14 deaths and the injury to more than 300 persons and a money loss of more than \$2,000,000, continued today by the city county authorities.

It is generally conceded that the first cause of the upheaval was a runaway train of electric cars in the Central cut near Fifth street and Lexington avenue, that crashed over the bumper against the power house, broke a feed pipe and caused a large quantity of gas to accumulate in the power house basement.

This probably was detonated by an electric spark from a short circuit.

John E. Cothran, an electrician, died in the hospital during the night, adding one to yesterday's list of dead, and making 14 victims.

### LIQUOR MISSING, EDITOR SHOOT TWO

A Peacemaker in a North Dakota Fight Gets Bullet in the Neck.

Rock Lake, N. D., Dec. 20.—George Diggs has a bullet hole in the lung and Charles Bills has one in the neck as a result of the marksmanship of editor Treadwell in the "Rock Lake at Cando" awaiting the result of the injuries of the two men. The shooting followed the disappearance of some whiskey from the editor's office. Treadwell suspected Diggs and demanded the return of the whiskey, also the keys to the editorial sanctum. Diggs denied taking the liquor, and also refused to hand over the keys. Treadwell attacked Diggs and Bills attempted to intervene as peacemakers. Treadwell then fired at Diggs but hit Bills in the neck. The second bullet found Diggs. Both men probably will recover.

**RAYBURN SAYS HE WILL WIN.**

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 20.—Sam Rayburn, of Bonham, candidate for speaker of the next legislature, who is here today, announced that he has a majority of votes pledged enough to make him easily victor. He went to Dallas this afternoon.

## DESTRUCTIVE FACTIONS CONTROL BOTH PARTIES

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 20.—"I do not believe the railroads would view him with equanimity," said president Ripley, of the Santa Fe railroad, when asked last night how he regarded Theo. Roosevelt as a 1912 presidential possibility.

"The people who are boasting of so-called progress in government are destructionists, nothing else," Ripley continued. "Their work is not building up but tearing down. We are struggling under too much legislation of all kinds but particularly of the so-called progressive stamp. The railroads have nothing to expect from either party. As between the Republicans and the Democrats at the present time there is nothing to choose. Both are controlled by destructive factions."

## LAND SECURED TO ENLARGE THE POST

The first step in the enlargement of Fort Bliss to be a regimental post has been taken. Through the efforts of the chamber of commerce, the section adjoining the Fort Bliss target range has been procured and the papers dealing with this to the government have been forwarded to the war department, with Col. A. C. Sharpe's recommendations and approval.

Army men have held that the first step in getting an enlargement of the post was to secure a sufficient quantity of land upon which an enlarged target range could be established. The

## NEGRO IS HELD FOR TRIPLE MURDER

Accused of Assaulting Girl and Murdering Her Niece and Father.

### BODIES BURNED AFTER MURDER

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Three charred bodies were found in the ruins of the burned home of J. L. Sanders near Hester last night and the strands of a girl's hair, discovered in a pool of blood in the yard, led to the arrest an hour later of Nathan Montague, a negro, charged with criminal assault, murder and arson.

The negro was rushed to Durham for safe keeping and will be transferred to the state penitentiary following an inquest this afternoon.

The bodies are believed to be those of Mr. Sanders, his daughter, Mary, and a 2 year old granddaughter. Near where the hair was found, searchers picked up a large pocket knife stained with blood. This was identified as belonging to Montague.

The negro was discovered at his home. He fought, but was beaten into submission and taken into custody.

## DE GATIGNY TRIAL IS STARTED

Self Styled Count and Countess Charged With Swindling Duchess de Choiseul.

### SENSATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN TRIAL

Tours, France, Dec. 20.—The trial of the self-styled "count and countess" De Gatigny, who are charged with having swindled the duchess de Choiseul out of \$200,000 in a sale of spurious paintings, opened here today. The complaint was the widow of Charles Hamilton, Paine, of Boston, who recently married the duke de Choiseul. In addition, De Gatigny is accused of stealing a sum of money from the pocket-book of the duchess during her stay in Vienna. Many American and European journalists are present in anticipation of developments in connection with fantastic carrying on of the son of an English tailor who has posed successfully as prince Borghetta, prince Lusignan and count D. Aubly Gatigny.

It is alleged that a blackmailing plot, involving letters said to have been forged and in connection with which Alexander Tschernidoff was recently arrested in London, also is expected to develop. The "countess" was formerly Miss Francesca Monti Lunt, of Boston.

### GOVERNMENT WINS ENGLISH ELECTIONS

London, Eng., Dec. 20.—Elections to the new parliament closed yesterday. The government will have a majority of 125.

City Insists That Present Can Be Made Fireproof at Small Outlay.

### BIG SAVING TO CITY ON COST

With the idea of saving the city about \$7000, mayor C. E. Kelly and waterworks superintendent W. E. Race took a number of insurance men to the mesa pumping plant Monday afternoon to show them how the city can make the present pump house fireproof without erecting a new concrete building.

The insurance men include J. C. Griswold, of the state board of underwriters; A. H. Rhodes, representing the state fire rating board; Lamar Davis, C. B. Stevens, H. W. Broadus, C. M. Newman, James Marr and W. F. Payne, local insurance men.

The insurance people have classified the city pumping plant as ironclad. Ironclad, the city officials contend, means a wooden frame structure covered with sheet iron and inasmuch as the pumping plant is not of this class of construction, city officials maintain that with the expenditure of a small sum, the building can be made fireproof. The framework of the pumping plant is entirely of steel and sheet iron, and only the floor, the windows and the joists supporting the roof are wood. The city proposes to put in a cement floor, and substitute steel for wood in the roof supports and the windows, and thus convert the plant into a fireproof structure at a cost of about \$2500, while the construction of a new concrete building would cost between \$3000 and \$10,000. This saving of money could be used in further betterment of the water system and the pumping plant would be as safe as if constructed of concrete, city officials believe.

Besides being fireproof, when rebuilt, the plant has an ample supply of fire hose with a pressure of 150 pounds and the city officials do not see how it could possibly be burned down anyhow.

**To Reduce Rate.**

The fireproofing of the plant will reduce the insurance key rate 10 cents in El Paso. The insurance companies have hitherto insisted that a concrete house must be erected.

Discussing the improvements proposed at the pumping station and their effect upon the fire insurance rate for El Paso, Lamar Davis said: "The old fire insurance law was repealed on December 10, and until the fire insurance companies get up a new basis schedule the old list will continue in force. Under the present law the city would not get credit for the changes proposed."

**Payne Thinks It Will Do.**

W. F. Payne said: "It is proposed to remove every stick of wood from the pumping plant. I expect that the fire companies will recommend the addition of 'other fireproof material' in the schedule requiring 'waterworks pumping plants' to be constructed of brick, stone or concrete and in that event we will get the benefit."

"However, as a taxpayer, I suggested to the mayor that the city had better construct a substantial and slightly plant instead of the corrugated iron structure at present in use. The corrugated iron would certainly be considered all right if those few words were inserted in the new schedule to be filed with the fire insurance commission; a corrugated plant should not be considered an unsafe risk because in this instance it is a mile distant from any other structure."

**Kelly Determined.**

"Mayor Kelly said yesterday that in the event the agents do not include the corrugated iron buildings in the new schedule, then the city will take such action as is necessary to secure a lower rate for El Paso and he wants to do it at the lowest cost to the taxpayers."

"We found the pumping plant in almost perfect condition, the pumps showing 97 to 98 percent efficiency. Right now I think El Paso's water system superior to that of any other city in the state of Texas."

### LORIMER REPORT TO BE FILED SHORTLY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, was authorized today to prepare a report on the investigation of charges of bribery in connection with the election of senator Lorimer of Illinois.

Mr. Burrows announced that the report would be in compliance with the views of the committee which reported the views of Lorimer but did not pass on the truth or falsity of the evidence involving individual members of the Illinois legislature.

He did not think there would be a minority report but it probably would be accompanied by individual statements of some members of the committee.

### PULLMAN SCHEDULE NOT SATISFACTORY

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—J. P. Walters, of Houston, attorney for the Pullman Car company, is here today conferring with the state railroad commission on the proposed reduction in berth rates. Walters submitted a schedule showing what reduction the company is willing to make, amounting to 20 percent, but the commission insists that the schedule is not what was wanted as specific rates between Dallas, Galveston and other cities are not given.

### THIEF STEALS JEWELRY FROM DALLAS WINDOW

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 20.—It is announced today that diamonds stolen last night from the window of Linz Bros. jewelry store on Main street were valued at about \$8000.

Two robbers smashed the front window with a brick, one snatching the jewels and escaping. A messenger boy caught one burglar.

## 42 WOUNDED ARE BROUGHT IN MANY KILLED IN RECENT FIGHTING IN CHIHUAHUA

Mexican Claims Of Victory At Mal Paso Are Not True, Says Associated Press Correspondent.—No Communication By Wire Or Rail With Affected Region West Of Chihuahua. Train Is Fired On; Has No Water.

(By Associated Press.)

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 19.—It was learned today that Gen. Navarro failed to capture Mal Paso, despite previous reports from Mexico City to that effect.

The losses on both sides during the two days' fight are reported heavy.

The troop train which left here Saturday morning with soldiers is said to have failed to form the proposed junction with Navarro. The train is said to have been fired upon and many government troops killed and wounded.

It was reported last night that 60 wounded will be brought to this city. The train was fired on near San Andres and returned to Bustillos, where the engine is said to have run out of water, with none near to replenish the supply.

The troop train, which was to have been taken out of here Monday by Adon Smith, an American, did not start. The passenger train, which was held up near La Junta last Thursday, has not been heard from.

Gen. Navarro encountered the insurgents at Pedernales and Mal Paso last Thursday and by nightfall seemed to have the fight won. He has since reported that the insurgents brought in reinforcements in swarms, estimating their number as high as 2000. On Friday, the next day, Navarro seems to have been unable to hold his advantage of the day before. It is considered significant that he has not claimed a victory since his official dispatch made public on the 17th.

The telegraphic censorship continues rigid.

## Salome In London Soon



Madame Aino Ackte, as Salome, as she recently appeared at Covent Garden, London. This is an advance photograph. The much criticized opera is to be presented again at Covent Garden, with Mme. Aino Ackte in the title role. Although the English public have their minds centered almost entirely on the present political campaign, the news that "Salome" would again be produced, has drawn their attention considerably from politics.

### GALLAGHER TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY 3

Gaynor's Assailant to Be Tried First for Shooting Edwards.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The trial of James Gallagher for shooting "Big Bill" Edwards, street cleaning commissioner, while the latter was trying to protect mayor Gaynor from Gallagher's attack last August, was today postponed until January 3.

Counsel for Gallagher, Alexander Simpson, said today that he would apply at once to have his client declared insane.

The Edwards indictment is to be brought up first because the prosecution desires to be certain of the facts of the mayor's wound before proceeding to trial. For that reason the statutory year and a day probably will be allowed to elapse.

### TEXAS BATTLESHIP TO BE THE BIGGEST

Contract Is Let for a Dreadnaught That Will Be a Real Fighter.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—A contract for building the 27,000 ton battleship Texas, which when completed will be the most formidable fighting machine ever floated, was today awarded to the Newport Ship Building company, the lowest bidder, at \$5,820,000.

### NEVER LIED NOR QUARRELED WITH WIFE

Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 20.—William Howard Sheeks, whose proudest boast was that he never told a lie nor quarreled with his wife, and who had celebrated more wedding anniversaries probably than any man in north Missouri, died yesterday at his home near here, aged 89. He and his wife were planning to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary December 24.

## FEDERALS ARE AMBUSHED ON A TRAIN

21 Are Killed and Nearly Half a Hundred Wounded on Train Near Chihuahua.

### FIELD GUNS ARE UTTERLY NO USE

Railroad Is Abandoned as a Means of Sending More Troops to the Front.

(By Associated Press.)

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded government troops were brought in today, thus confirming the reports that the troop train, which left here Saturday, was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Pedernales and about 120 miles west of here.

The official report states that the federals lost 21 killed, 10 missing and 42 wounded. The latter includes Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insurgents' loss is not known here.

The train left here Saturday, traveling in two sections and carrying three field pieces on a coal car and 500 soldiers.

Pancho Villa, the bandit, who, while operating independently, still regards the government as his natural enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Anadana canyon, but did no damage.

**FIGHT FIVE HOURS.**

The mountains of Mal Paso, however, swarmed with revolutionists. They halted the first section and also the second as soon as it came up.

Col. Guzman disembarked his troops and for five hours defended himself with desperate courage. He was in a trap, however. His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by boulders and other protection natural to the mountains, and poured in a deadly fire.

He was unable to use his big guns effectively, owing to the nature of the ground. Notwithstanding his precarious condition and the numbers of the insurgents, he held his ground for five hours.

He was shot through the leg, while the third officer in command was raked across the stomach laterally.

**NAVARRO HAS HANDS FULL.**

Although Gen. Navarro was at Pedernales or near there, he was unable to lend assistance.

Unconfirmed reports state that he has his hands full with the rebels whom he has been fighting off and on since Thursday.

Worn out with the one sided battle, Col. Guzman loaded his dead and wounded together with the remainder of his force onto the troop train and ran back to Bustillos, where the uninjured disembarked and buried the dead and prepared to seek a junction with Navarro by some route other than the railroad.

**TRAIN RETURNS.**

A freight train which went out from here Sunday to load cattle at Bustillos was commandeered and the wounded were transferred to it.

This train arrived early today and the injured were taken to the military hospital.

### REBELS ROPE AND TIE MACHINE GUN

Then Turn It on Federals and Make Federal Prisoners Operate.

Roping, tying and branding a captured machine gun is the newest tactics in Mexican warfare. Travelers from the battle zone west of Chihuahua tell a tale of a daring capture that makes Richard Harding Davis's South American stories read like congressional reports. During one of the bloody battles fought last week near Pedernales the insurgents, rancheros of long experience on the northern Mexico plains, swooped down upon a mountain machine gun while the federal soldiers were operating it. They dashed past it swinging their lariats and yelling like they might be rounding up a bunch of calves for branding. They roped the gun and dragged it off within their lines, taking with them two federals to show the rebels how to operate it. The machine gun is now being used to good effect against the government troops in the hills of western Chihuahua, the Americans say.

### MEXICANS RETURNING TO BECOME INSURRECTOS

Two hundred Mexican laborers with their blankets and bundles of clothing arrived in El Paso Tuesday morning en route to their homes in Mexico. Nearly 400 arrived Monday night and all will leave for the south today.

Many of the men are insurrecto sympathizers and declared that they are going home to join in the insurrection.

## THE REVOLUTIONARY BOAT IS "BOTTLED UP"

New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—The revenue cutter Davy again this afternoon anchored alongside the yacht Hornet and special customs inspectors were placed on shore opposite the Hornet's anchorage with instructions to report promptly any activities in connection with her preparations for sailing. The Hornet is suspected of carrying men of war ammunition for the revolutionary movement in some Central American republic or in Mexico.

The Henderson government today protested against permitting the departure of the steamer Hornet from New Orleans on the ground that the vessel contemplates leading a revolutionary movement against president Davila.